



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 4th September, 2013
7:00 am (Mexico City) / 8:00 am (Ottawa) / 2:00 pm (Brussels)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korea Fair Trade Commission
Mexico Federal Competition Commission
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
South Africa Competition Commission
United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

The Chair welcomed participants to the steering group meeting.

The Chair noted that the Secretariat had not received additional candidates for Steering Group chair.

Item 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group approved the proposed agenda and minutes of the July 17th meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 10th September.

Item 2. Election of the Steering Group Chair

Outgoing Chair Eduardo Perez Motta thanked the steering group, and, in particular, the Vice Chairs for their support during his term.

Following the process of the Operational Framework, Andreas Mundt, president of the German Bundeskartellamt, was elected as Chair of the Steering Group for the remainder of the 2013-15 term. Andreas Mundt nominated two Vice Chairs, Vinicius Marques de Carvalho from the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense and Bruno Lasserre from the French Autorité de la concurrence. Bruno Lasserre agreed to continue his important work as Vice Chair for enhanced member and NGA engagement and outreach. Vinicius Marques de Carvalho will act as a new Vice Chair for implementation.

The newly elected Chair set out a brief summary of his vision statement, previously



circulated to the Steering Group, highlighting three essential factors for making the ICN the key element of global convergence in competition law: focus, inclusiveness and implementation.

In terms of focus, he stressed the importance of setting the right priorities to ensure the ICN focuses on issues and projects that meet members' most important needs and that impact their work.

Noting the tremendous growth of the ICN in the recent years, the Chair highlighted the need to include all or most agencies in the work of the ICN and encourage their participation in the development of the most important on-going projects, and, in particular, Recommended Practices. Inclusiveness also should be aimed at continued participation of NGAs and outreach to other international organisations like OECD, UNCTAD, WTO and World Bank.

The third key element is raising awareness of the ICN's high-quality work products, making them available to everyone, and promoting their implementation.

Steering Group members expressed wide and strong support for the importance of these aims.

Item 3. 2015 Annual Conference

The ACCC provided an update on conference planning and presented dates under consideration for the 2015 Annual Conference to be held in Sydney, Australia: 24-27 March, in the period 13-26 April, 28 April- 1 May. Andreas Mundt thanked the ACCC for its efforts and pointed out that the earlier date might limit the time for WGs to finalise their work products. The ACCC will aim to hold the conference on the latter date, if possible.

Item 8. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next SG meeting will take place on Wednesday, 30th October, 2013 in Paris.